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Subconjunctival or Periocular Delivery of a Prodrug

REPLY & AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to Office Action dated September 1, 2009, and is timely filed on or before December 1, 2009. Any fees associated with this communication may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-0885.

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